

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a)

Proposed new Flights by Air India and Foreign Airlines

4125. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new foreign airline propose to start air services through India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of places which Air India propose to cover in the World during the next years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Air Services Agreement have been initiated in recent past with Uzbekistan, Korea and Vietnam. However, no schedules have so far been filed by their designated carrier.

(b) In the summer schedule for 1992, Air India proposes to operate the existing route network.

Special Area Development Authority

4126. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TIN-DIVANAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Special Area Development Authority; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The scheme of Special Tourism Areas envisages constitution of a Special Area Development Authority in each of the areas by the State Governments. However, the details of the scheme have still to be worked out in consultation with different State Governments.

Model Telecom District in Kerala

4127. SHRI P.C. CHACKO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the concept of 'model Tele-communication district' is still being followed by Department of Telecommunications; and

(b) if so, the names of districts in Kerala those declared as model Telecom districts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No. Sir. There is no concept of model Telecommunication District. However, Telecom Districts are formed on the basis of Secondary Switching Areas and workload.

(b) There are no model Telecom Districts. However, there are 10 Telecom Districts in Kerala Circle, viz., Ernakulam, Trivandrum, Calicut, Quilon, Trichur, Cannanore, Kottayam, Palghat, Alleppey and Pathanamthitta.

Modernisation of Exchanges in Rajasthan

4128. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop/modernise the telephone exchanges in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;